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# Memo

**To:** Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee  
**From:** Diana Pinto, RNC  
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There are many diagnoses other than cancer that causes pain as or more severe than cancer victims experience. To withhold narcotic pain medication from any patient who is suffering pain is criminal. We as health care professionals are committed to compassionate care and pain relief is one of the most crucial items to evaluate.

Patients who are in pain are not to be equated with seeking narcotics for recreational use.

There are many narcotics available to the illicit seekers that will always be present. Proper prescribing for pain relief for a patient has nothing to do with illegal usage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Pinto".

Diana Pinto, RNC